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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Preston Whitcomb et al.
Serial No. : 10/645,963
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Art Unit : 3651
Examiner : Unknown

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Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the action dated September 9, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1-17.

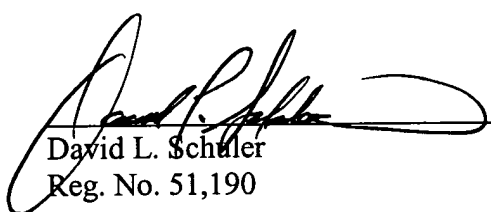
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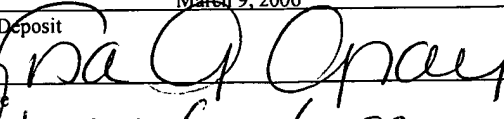
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